prioritised in consultation with them. This assistance is provided for improvement in infrastructure facilities including Wayside Amenities, Signages, Public Conveniences, Parking Areas, Tourist Reception Centres etc.

Promotion of Magic

1076. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are promoting various cultural activities including showing of magic;

(b) if so, what is the total amount earmarked for promotion of magic in the country;

(c) whether any scheme has been launched or incentives have been given for promotion of this culture; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) Government promotes various cultural activities including magic through identified schemes and Zonal Cultural Centres. There is no specific scheme for promotion of magic and hence no separate amount has specifically been earmarked for magic.

Water allocation to various states

1077. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water policy was formulated in 1986 and there is a need for its revision due to water allocation to various States;

(b) whether Government have finalised to guidelines for water allocation; and

(c) by when the new water policy is likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The National Water Policy was adopted in 1987 in the 2nd meeting of